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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MAY 5 BUREAU MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 102109, (B) OECD PARIS 10744

1. ABBREVIATED ENVIRONMENT BUREAU MET MAY 5. ABSENT WERE MUNRO OF CANADA AND HIGGS OF AUSTRALIA. CONTENTS OF REF (A) WERE MADE KNOWN TO RODERICK JUST BEFORE BUREAU MEETING.

2. RELATIVE TO REF (A) BUREAU HAS DECIDED TO DROP THE WORD "SECTOR" FROM "SECTOR GROUPS". BUREAU DOES NOT WISH THE GROUPS TO FEEL THAT THIS CONNOTATES A DEMOTION IN STATUS BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE SECTOR GROUPS WILL FEEL THAT DROP IN STATUS IS THE INTENT.

3. BUREAU EMPHASIZED THAT NO MAJOR PROJECT WILL BE STARTED WITHOUT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND IT IS REPORTED THAT BUREAU REFLECTED VERY MUCH THE SENTIMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF (A).

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4. THE BUREAU PROPOSES THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS DEVOTE ITS EFFORTS MAINLY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

5. REGARDING POINT MADE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF (A) BUREAU TOOK NOTE OF BUDGET FIGURES IN ENV(75)7 WHERE 34.7 OF DIRECTORATE'S EFFORT WOULD BE DEVOTED TO ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. CONSEQUENTLY ENERGY-RELATED EFFORTS WILL HAVE LARGE EXPOSURE AND MAY GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE SUFFERING FROM TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON ENERGY.

6. BUREAU ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT CONTEMPLATED 1976 JAPANESE/OECD ENVIRONMENT MEETING AS REPORTED IN REF (B) MIGHT BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MEETING OF OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL IF IT SHOULD BECOME MORE CONCRETE.

7. REPORT OF BUREAU PRESENTLY BEING EDITED BY VAN SCHAIK. COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 12. MOST OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RODERICK. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PROCEDURE NOTED AT END OF PARAGRAPH 1 REF (A) BE CARRIED OUT DURING RODERICK'S VISIT.

8. REGARDING HIS VISIT LYKKE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD OPPORTUNITY OF A MEETING WITH DR RAY AND RODERICK WOULD APPRECIATE A SIMILAR BRIEF MEETING WITH DR RAY. HE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO LIKE TO SEE HERTER, PARTICULARLY TO CONVEY THE SENTIMENTS AND HOPE OF THE BUREAU THAT HERTER WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.
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